The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band Heritage Brass Quintet

The Heritage Brass Quintet, formed in 1973, presents a blend of music spanning more than 350 years. The quintet's repertoire draws from classical selections such as Bach and Handel, jazz selections from notable artists like Duke Ellington and Antonio Carlos Jobim, as well as popular music and patriotic pieces.

The quintet's versatility stems from their educational backgrounds diverse professional experiences. They hold degrees from music schools all over the country including: the University of Kansas, Emporia State University, the University of Texas at Austin, Bowling Green State University, the University of Michigan, Mansfield University and the University of California at Irvine. Members have performed with such orchestras National Repertory Orchestra, Hollywood Pops Orchestra, Bowling Green Philharmonia, Midland – Odessa Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Symphony, Adrian Symphony Orchestra and Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. The quintet members have also performed with many chamber music ensembles including the Summit Brass, Kansas City Symphony Brass Ensemble, Seaside Brass Consort, "Show Me" Brass Quintet and the faculty brass quintet of Northeast Missouri State University.

Comprised of two trumpets, horn, trombone and bass trombone, the quintet is part of the USAF Heritage of America Band, a 60-member ensemble based at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The quintet is suited to perform in varied venues including formal concert halls, schools, museums and retirement centers.



Members of the Heritage Brass Quintet: Back row, left to right—SrA Joel Grizzelle, SrA Andrew Rummel. Middle row, left to right—SrA Mark Nixon, SrA Gary Holmes. Front—TSgt Dave Crites, Group Leader.

In addition to formal concerts, the quintet presents master classes and clinics on the elementary, secondary and collegiate levels. The Heritage Brass Quintet is a welcome and exciting addition to any musical or cultural event.